

Time and cost overruns

3166. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of the 860 Central sector projects in 16 infrastructure sectors like Railways, coal, civil aviation and power with an estimated cost of Rs. 3,84,686.30 crore, as many as 307 projects are running 1 to 195 months behind schedule;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Railways tops the list with 285 delayed projects with a total cost overrun of 54.06 per cent and time overrun of 3-159 months; and

(c) if so, whether Government have undertaken any investigations to find out the cause of time overrun and the action proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 30th September, 2006 out of 285 Railway projects, 32 projects are delayed with a range of 3-159 months. As many as 172 projects originally costing Rs. 28,652.34 crore, now with the completion cost of Rs. 53,997.59 crore, are having cost overrun to the extent of 88.46%. 24 projects have both time and cost overruns.

(c) The reasons for delay include fund constraints, delay in land acquisition and rehabilitation, delay in award of contracts, slow progress of construction by the contractors, law and order problems etc. The actions taken to ensure timely completion of these projects are as follows:

- (i) adoption of two-stage clearance system and stricter appraisal of projects before investment approval;
- (ii) taking up projects for implementation only after funds have been fully tied up;
- (iii) in-depth review of projects on monthly and quarterly basis by the Government;
- (iv) follow up with the State Governments in respect of problems relating

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to land acquisition, rehabilitation related issues and law and order at project sites; and

- (v) appointment of nodal officers for each project with continuity of tenure.

Sale of properties in unauthorised colonies

3167. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 398 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 2007 and state;

(a) what are the details of prescribed conditions for regularization of unauthorized colonies in the Capital;

(b) whether it is a fact that sale of properties in unauthorised colonies on private land which has not even been notified under Section 4 and 6 of the Land Acquisition Act, has been banned and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these orders would be withdrawn and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Union Government on 8.2.2007 has approved a proposal regarding revision in the guidelines for regularization of unauthorized colonies in Delhi. Accordingly, the process of finalizing the revised guidelines is on.

(b) Divisional Commissioner, GNCTD has reported that there are no such orders banning sale of properties in unauthorized colonies on private land subject to fulfillment of applicable provisions of law.

(c) Question does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.